



PROFESSOR DWIGHT'S WILL.

A Few Seconds More Might Have Changed the Destination of \$1,000,000.

Since the death of Professor Theodore W. Dwight there has been considerable discussion in certain quarters as to the provisions of his will, as it was assumed that of course such a shrewd lawyer and careful business man must surely have made a will.

When it was apparent that his illness was approaching a fatal termination he was reminded by his physician that it would be the part of wisdom to attend to the disposition of his temporal affairs without further delay, and when Professor Dwight expressed a desire to make his will his old friend and neighbor, Judge Seymour, was called in to frame the document, which he did at the dictation of Professor Dwight, whose mind was evidently as clear as it ever was. His niece, Miss Sophie Dwight, and his physician, Dr. Peck, were present as attesting witnesses.

After the will had been framed it was taken to an adjoining room to be copied before receiving the signature. Although the work of copying occupied but a few moments, the dying man was seen to be failing very rapidly, and although a pen was placed in his hand and assistance given, he was able to but partially complete his signature when he lapsed into a comatose state and died within a few moments. When asked the customary question, which is legally required, if he acknowledged the paper to be his last will and testament, his lips moved slightly, but no articulate word could be distinguished, and a moment later he was pronounced dead.

Although so nearly executed, and so evidently expressing his wishes, the will is declared invalid, and its provisions can only be carried out by the acquiescence of all the heirs.

The document was very brief, as if the dying man fully realized that his end was close at hand. Besides bequeathing \$50,000 to his daughter, Mrs. Partridge, and a smaller amount to her infant son when he should become of age, the balance of the property, both real and personal, was given to Mrs. Dwight. Mrs. Partridge, who resides at Cornwall on the Hudson, is the only child and has been a helpless invalid, suffering from nervous prostration for nearly a year. It is said that she does not yet know of her father's death, as it is feared the shock might prove disastrous. Until such time as her health will admit it is understood that nothing can be done toward the settlement of the estate, which is in the hands of Mrs. Dwight's brother, Dwight H. Olmstead, of New York.

The value of Professor Dwight's estate will probably never be publicly known. Even the family, it is said, have no idea of the size of the property, as the deceased was very reticent about such matters in his home. Those who appear to be in a position where they should be capable of forming an opinion claim that Professor Dwight's estate will not fall below \$1,000,000, and some put it largely in excess of that amount. Others who are close to the family think it much less.

It is known that for nearly twenty years Professor Dwight's income from his teaching and writings ranged from \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year. It afterward dropped to \$15,000 per year, and at the time of his death his salary as emeritus professor in Columbia college was \$7,500. All this was in addition to his legal practice, from which he is said to have derived a large income, his fees in single cases, as referee or council, at times amounting to as much as \$100,000, if we are correctly informed. When Professor Dwight's style of living is considered, it will readily be seen that it was quite possible for him to have amassed a fortune.—Clinton (N. Y.) Courier.

Mr. Dennett's Turnout.

The curious turnout of Mr. Dennett, of Cape Elizabeth, Me., who supplies the cottagers with milk, eggs, strawberries and other country produce, attracts a good deal of attention. Mr. Dennett's team consists of a 2-year-old bull with a ring in his nose, bearing a crooked yoke on his neck, harnessed to a flat bottomed cart which will float in the water. The animal is driven by Mr. Dennett like a horse. Reins of rope are attached to the ring in the bull's nose; they pass up over the horns through rings attached to them. With this queer team Mr. Dennett makes the trip to the beach two or three times a week, fording the Sperwink river at high tide.

The bull swims the river like a dog and the cart floats like a boat and will sustain the weight of Mr. Dennett and his load of produce safely. When Mr. Dennett and his unique team are seen approaching, the cottagers from the banks of the river in order to see him make the passage. Some of the most adventurous ones have tried the trip and several narrow escapes from capsizing have occurred.—Boston Transcript.

Humane.

It is hard to understand how any one can be too humane, but it really seems, if a story recently told by a French journal is true, that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has something to answer for.

Two little girls had been visiting an exhibition of paintings with their governess. On their return their mother asked them:

"Well, what picture pleased you most?"

"The one that showed the Christians thrown to the lions in the Roman arena," both children answered.

"Indeed!" said the mother. "I suppose it worked on your feelings to look at it?"

"Oh, yes, mamma," said the younger child; "there was one poor dear lion that didn't have any Christian to eat!"—Youth's Companion.

Allies of Crime.

In the month of June some thousands of young lawyers were graduated in the various law schools of the country. Nearly all of them began to practice in some shape or form.

Just before the time for the graduation proceedings at the schools the court of appeal of New York state was pronouncing a decision which should have been read carefully by all these young lawyers, and by their older brethren as well.

The decision was in the case of a murderer who had been convicted two years before and condemned to death. The case had been twice brought before the supreme court of the United States, and three times before the court of appeal of the state of New York.

The court of appeal, as the result of this third resort to it in the case of a man long before condemned to death, denied the motion for a rehearing, and rebuked the means which had been used to prevent the original sentence from being carried out.

The court declared that when every opportunity had been given to an accused person to make his defense, and his conviction had been confirmed by the highest court, the contest should be at an end. The forms of law should not be used to subvert the law.

"It ought to be a subject of inquiry," the court said, "whether attorneys and counselors by vexatious proceedings can become the allies of the criminal classes and the foes of organized society without exposing themselves to the disciplinary powers of the supreme court."

It is hoped that this warning will not be lost upon lawyers to whom the chief use of the law is to defeat the law.—Youth's Companion.

The End of a Sharpshooter.

"The best rifle shot I ever saw was an east Tennessean who acted as scout for the Army of the Cumberland," said Major R. B. Baer. "His name was Brownlow, but whether he was a relative of the fighting parson of that name I do not know. Brownlow was a tall, lank specimen of humanity and looked like a typical frontiersman. He wore a coonskin cap and carried a rifle a foot longer than himself, with which he could put half an ounce of lead squarely between a man's eyes at a distance of nearly half a mile. He fought for sheer love of it, was always hunting for victims and used to boast that he averaged a dozen dead Confederates a week. He hung on the enemy's picket lines night and day, and when 'Old Tom,' as he called his lingering eternity of a gun, cracked there was certain to be a death.

"One day during a sharp skirmish Brownlow encircled himself in a big cottonwood tree, and was dropping Confederates as fast as he could feed bullets to 'Old Tom,' when a Mississippi sharpshooter made a sneak for another tall cottonwood about 600 yards distant. The Tennessean spied him; there were two puffs of smoke from among the green leaves and the two killers came down head first, with their long deer rifles rattling after them."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Helped Out Wales.

"I once prevented the Prince of Wales getting ingloriously thrashed by a plebeian New York barkeeper," said Richard Doolittle, a retired New York merchant. "When the prince visited America he was a very wild young man, and he had no difficulty in finding plenty of young swells on this side who could go his gait. One night the prince and a party of bloods started out to see the elephant, and the spectacle made them pretty dizzy. They got separated, and the heir to Britain's throne wandered, unattended, into a down town resort and proceeded to make things pretty lively. The bartender started in to squelch him, and would have done so effectually had I not taken charge of the roisterer and piloted him back to his party."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Telegraphers.

I notice that the papers are very loud in their praise of the admirable service rendered during the late conventions by the United Press, a very deserving thing to do, but we think you have overlooked speaking a word of praise to those hard working and faithful servants of the public, namely, the telegraph operators, by whose skill it was sent and received, whose skill went far in permitting the papers to so quickly set the news before their readers. True enough, the telegraph operator is little thought of and seldom mentioned. Still, we think they are a very important instrument in the progress of our country and would like to be encouraged.—An Old Operator in New York Sun.

Locomotives in a Tug-of-War.

Owing to a dispute as to who should use the switch first, the crews of two trains that met at the Third street crossing of the North Penn railroad instituted a novel pushing match Monday which may cost them their situations. Both engines were shifters and each had about a dozen cars attached. They met with a slight bump at the switch, and after an exchange of warm words each opened his throttle intending to push the other back. Both the engines snorted and puffed, while sparks flew from their rapidly revolving wheels. For several minutes neither budged an inch. Finally the camelback was forced to give way.—Cor. Philadelphia Record.

An Electric Lineman Killed.

An electric light went out on the wharf last evening. It was on the top of a high pole on Molson's wharf, below the Canadian Pacific elevators. A line-man, John Gray by name, was sent to remedy the trouble. He ascended the pole, fifty feet in height, and swung the lamp around so that it would come within his reach. Then he started to fix it. The next moment the few people watching him in the semidarkness saw him lean over and fall to the ground below, striking upon his head. The Notre Dame ambulance was called, but the man was dead before it reached him.—Montreal Gazette.

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